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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the following amendments to the above-identified patent application:

In the Specification

Please substitute the following paragraph on page 15, beginning at line 21:

9 / Disposed over the reservoir housing 60, and removably and threadably attached to the neck 64 of the reservoir housing 60, can be an end cap 80. The end cap 80 secures the flat disc 72 over the opening 62 in the reservoir housing 60, whereby the groove 76 located on the outer edge of the flat disc 72 engages a flange in the connecting ring 82 on the end cap 80. The flat disc 72 and the